Mountain Weather Forecast

North Grampian

Including North and West Cairngorms National Park, Monadhliath, Ben Alder, Creag Meagaidh, Loch Ericht and Loch Rannoch
Forecast valid from 06:00 on Wednesday 09 Dec 2020 until 23:59 on Thursday 10 Dec 2020

Forecast Issued on Wednesday 09 Dec 2020 at 04:14 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: High confidence for an unsettled period with mainly southeasterly winds and the eastern ranges seeing the worst of the poorer conditions. Medium confidence for the amount of cloud and rainfall for the next few days.

Headline for Wednesday 09 Dec 2020: Mainly dry but quite cloudy, light southeasterly winds.

Mountain weather hazards on Wednesday 09 Dec 2020

Blizzards No Likelihood	**Heavy Snow** No Likelihood	**Storm force winds** No Likelihood
Gales Low Likelihood	**Severe chill effect** Medium Likelihood	**Poor visibility** Low Likelihood
Thunderstorms No Likelihood	**Heavy persistent rain** No Likelihood	**Strong sunlight** No Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m					
Time					
06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Light snow	Light snow	Cloudy	Sunny intervals	Partly cloudy (night)	Dull
Precipitation probability					
30%	30%	20%	10%	10%	20%

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Weather: Quite a lot of cloud in the morning with some patchy light rain with snow above 750m. Becoming dry and, in shelter, brighter with some sunny intervals in the afternoon but likely to remain cloudy over the peaks.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: 20% chance in morning improving 40% in the afternoon best chance to the north of the Carngorms.

Visibility: Moderate or good away from the cloud.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph) Wind Direction (blowing from)						
	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	16/21 SW	14/18 S	18/24 S	25/32 S	32/40 SE	35/44 SE	34/43 SE
900	17/20 SW	15/17 S	18/22 S	17/23 SE	30/41 S	38/51 SE	35/48 SE
600	13/17 S	11/14 SW	11/17 S	6/9 SE	12/20 S	15/26 S	15/24 SE
300	4/12 S	3/9 S	3/9 S	3/5 E	3/7 N	4/7 SW	5/8 NE
Glen	5/15 SW	5/16 SW	4/14 SW	3/10 S	4/16 S	3/13 S	4/15 S

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)						
	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	-2/-8	-2/-8	-3/-10	-3/-11	-4/-13	-4/-14	-4/-14
900	1/-5	1/-4	2/-4	0/-6	1/-6	1/-8	0/-8
600	3/-2	4/-0	3/-1	2/-1	2/-2	2/-3	2/-3
300	4/2	3/2	4/3	3/2	2/1	2/0	2/-0
Glen	4/1	4/1	5/3	4/3	3/0	2/1	3/0
Freezing Level*	1000m	1000m	900m	900m	800m	700m	700m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View
Southeasterly winds set to strengthen in the afternoon and feeling very cold on the tops.

Forecast for Thursday 10 Dec 2020
Weather: A weak weather front will sit across much of Scotland on Thursday with cloudy dull conditions and some outbreaks of light rain, or snow above 1000m, at times. Staying mainly dry on more northerly ranges. Rain becoming heavier on Thursday night.

Maximum wind: Southeasterly 15-20mph with gusts 30-35mph.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: Some low cloud is likely for some western ranges like Ben Alder and Rannoch where cloud bases maybe around 3-400m, further north and east around the Cairngorms cloud bases should be around 6-700m. So 30% chance of some breaks in the cloud with a better chance likely around the cairngorms and Lecht hills.

Visibility: Moderate visibility, perhaps good at times in the east.

Temperature: **Glens:** Plus 1 rising to 4 Celsius.
At 800m: Plus 1 Celsius.
Freezing level: Around 1000m rising to 1200m.

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